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CITIZEN PANEL TO MEET AT BEAR RIVER MIGRATORY BIRD REFUGE

A citizen advisory panel to the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands will meet on Wednesday, September 13, 2006, at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge near Brigham City, Utah. A tour of the refuge will begin from the new visitor's center at approximately 10:00 a.m. The tour is open to the public but anyone attending must provide their own transportation.

"The primary purpose of the tour is to give council members an on-the-ground look at refuge lands prior to discussing an unresolved issue of federal use of state sovereign lands within the refuge boundary," said State Forester Joel Frandsen. "The citizens of Utah have yet to be compensated for the use of those lands."

The Forestry, Fire and State Lands Advisory Council is a citizen body appointed by the governor to provide advice and guidance to the division on public lands issues. Additional details may be obtained by calling the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands at (801) 538-5555.

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